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U.S. Patents 5,099,097, 5,136,140 and 4,929,816 were cited in the Specification on page 1.

U.S. Patents 5, 927,209 and US2002/153354 were cited in the International Search Report.


The article "*Mobile flash-butt rail welding: three decades of experience*" Rail Engineering International, Edition 2002/03, pages 11 to 16 was referred to in the Specification on page 1. A copy of this article will follow.

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As it is believed that copies of the references cited in the Search Report were forwarded by the International Office, we are not enclosing copies of these references.

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	AP		"Mobile flash-butt rail welding: three decades of experience" Rail Engineering International, Edition 2002/03, pages 11 to 16 (SPEC.pg. 1)(to follow)					
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